

The regular session meeting of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists was held on November 17, 2016 in Room 110 of the DHMH Metro Executive Building, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Ronald Kaplan called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Present for the quorum were Mr. George Sheckells, Ms. Joan Dawson, Dr. Heather Weinreich, Mr. John Sloan, Mr. John Rouse, Dr. Candace Robinson, Ms. Ellen Stein, and Mr. John Cummins

#### **Staff Present**

Anthony DeFranco, AAG, Nursing Board Counsel  
Christopher Kelter, Executive Director  
Yolanda Campbell, Office Secretary III  
Danielle Vallone, Board Investigator  
Kristen Neville, DHMH

#### **Absent Members**

Ms. Jillian DeLuca

#### **Agenda Approval**

Dr. Weinreich made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

#### **Minutes Review and Approval for Octobertember 15, 2016**

Ms. Stein made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Dawson seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

#### **Regulatory Review**

**Codification of Inactive Status-** Proposal pulled from consideration. To be reconsidered in Spring 2017 after General Assembly concludes.

**Incomplete Applications-** Administrative Closure. To be published in the November 25, 2016 Maryland Register with comment period ending November 25, 2016.

#### **Executive Director's Report**

**Criminal History Records Check Update**

**2017 Hearing Aid Dispenser Renewal- Planning and Preparation**

**Maryland Academy of Audiology- Annual Conference**

**Meeting with DHMH Office of the Secretary- Chief of Staff and Constituent Services**

**New Board Member Orientation- Monday, November 14, 2016**

**Customer Service Training for Staff- Calendar Year 2017**

**Board Chief Election- November 2016**

**Treasurer's Report- John Sloan**

Mr. Sloan reported for the month of October the Board has available funds in the amount of \$277,034.00.

**Statistical Report ending September 30, 2016**

The Board reviewed the Statistical Report included in the Board packet.

**Tanelle Smith- Petition regarding HAD Minimum Requirements**

Ms. Smith submitted a petition to the Board for approval of an equivalent course to the International Hearing Society Curriculum entitled *Distance Learning for Professionals in Hearing Health Sciences*.

Mr. Sheckells made a motion to deny the requested equivalency course. Mr. Cummins seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

**Adjournment**

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the regular session meeting pursuant to Maryland State Government Article, 10-508(a) Annotated Code of Maryland. The regular session meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Kaplan, Au.D.  
Chair